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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 9184

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 10046

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BTRA, IR

SUBJECT: NAM MISSION

1. ABSENCE OF GOI AIRPORT PROTOCOL AND FACT THAT ANSARY CANCELLED OUT OF PLENARY RESULTED IN UNPLEASANT OUTBURST AT AIRPORT ON PART OF NAM CO-CHAIRMAN WELLER. THIS WITNESSED BY MISSION MEMBERS AND EMBOFFS, BUT NOT PRESSMEN, NIRT TELEVISION CREW AND LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES OF MEMBER FIRMS WHICH ALSO MET MISSION AT AIRPORT. EMBOFFS EXPLAINED THAT GOI DOES NOT SEND RECEIVING DELEGATIONS TO AIRPORT TO WELCOME NON-OFFICIAL TRADE MISSIONS, REGARDLESS OF PRACTICE IN OTHER ME COUNTRIES. ONLY FOREIGN TRADE DELEGATIONS HEADED BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RECEIVE FULL AIRPORT TREATMENT. FINANCE MINISTER ANSARY HAD TO CANCEL HIS APPEARANCE AT PLENARY IN ORDER TO ATTEND ECONOMIC COUNCIL MEETING CHAIRED BY SHAH.
2. THIS PLUS VIRTUAL INVASION HIGH-LEVEL MISSIONS RECENTLY VISITING IRAN AND CONSEQUENT NEED ON PART GOI OFFICIALS TO BUDGET TIME EXPLAINED TO MISSION, AND EXPLANATION WAS GENERALLY WELL ACCEPTED.
3. PLENARY CHAIRED BY SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER MEHRAN (NO. 2 TO ANSARY) AND DEPUTY MINISTER ASHRAFI LASTED TWO HOURS. DISCUSSION WAS CONSTRUCTIVE, WELL-INFORMED, OPEN, AND WE BELIEVE USEFUL INTERCHANGE TOOK PLACE. MISSION WAS ALSO BRIEFED BY AMBASSADOR HELMS AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS, ATTENDED IRAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER COMMERCE LUNCH, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND WILL PROCEED WITH WHAT EMBASSY BELIEVES IS MEANINGFUL

SCHEDULE, INCLUDING ONE-HOUR CALL ON MINISTER OF COMMERCE  
ON NOVEMBER 27 AFTER BREAK FOR IRANIAN HOLIDAY NOVEMBER  
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4. COMPLAINTS ABOUT LEVEL AT WHICH NAM MISSION RECEIVED  
CAME ONLY FROM ONE CO-CHAIRMAN AND "ADVANCE-MAN" HOLLIS,  
TEHRAN IS MISSION'S LAST STOP ON BUSY FOURTEEN-DAY TRIP AND  
NO DOUBT SOME TEMPERS ARE A BIT FRAYED.  
CO-CHAIRMAN KENNA (NAM'S PRESIDENT) TOLD EMBOFF THAT GROUP  
FOUND PLENARY USEFUL  
AND INFORMATIVE.

5. UNKNOWN WHETHER ISSUE OF RECEPTION AT AIRPORT  
OR LEVEL OF GOI ATTENTION TO MISSION WILL BE  
RAISED IN WASHINGTON BUT THOUGHT IT USEFUL THAT  
FOREGOING INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT  
IF IT IS.  
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